

**WELLESLEY SELECT BOARD****Statement on Anti-Racism and Anti-Bias**

Wellesley is a town that highly values diversity, dignity and respect for all individuals. As the Chief Executive of the Town, the Select Board recognizes its responsibility to make the following declarations:

The Board opposes unequivocally any expression of hate, prejudice, intolerance or discrimination toward any individual or group;

The Board is committed to engaging the Town on race, equity and inclusion through broad and collaborative public engagement; and

The Board denounces any form of racism, discrimination or intolerance as a threat to the safety and well-being of the public. We call upon the entire Wellesley community to welcome every resident, visitor, employee and resident student in the Town.

The Wellesley Select Board

Marjorie R. Freiman, Chair

Thomas H. Ulfelder, Vice Chair

Elizabeth Sullivan Woods, Secretary

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